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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Medical Staff

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ATTENTION

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SUBJECT

: Medical Report on KUBARK Facility at

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1. [] Medical Corps, USAF, was assigned TDY by OSA to [] during the January-February period when Project IDEALIST activities were in being at that base. The attached notes have been transcribed within OSA based upon informal jottings of [] during his stay there. On the basis of these findings, I conferred with [] who was the duty officer in the Medical Staff on 2 March, and accordingly a cable was sent the IDEALIST detachment the same day requesting certain tests be accomplished on our returnees. Initial results from these tests are slowly coming in, and already we have identified one officer who was on TDY to us from SAC in Omaha whose tests indicated the presence of undesirable bacteria in his system. This information has been passed to his parent command in Omaha for follow-up.

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2. Having visited [] myself during the period in question, I find it relatively simple to agree with the doctor's views that the situation there is potentially disturbing. Perhaps one of the factors which has kept the incidence of disease down among the KUBARK personnel on whom the IDEALIST detachment was satellited is that they have a fairly intelligent program of rotation to make certain that no man spends too long a time in this environment.

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3. I believe, however, that if DD/P and/or OSA are to continue to use [] from time to time to meet emergency requirements, careful thought and consideration should be given to developing a more feasible base plan than is presently in being. It seemed apparent to me that [] was suffering from logistics difficulties when it came to speedily replacing defective equipment or filling needed requisitions there. Because of our priority within the Air Force,

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25X1 we do not suffer from this trouble in the same degree, and to the extent
25X1A possible we would be glad to make use of our priorities to assist the base
25X1A housekeeping group [] to obtain necessary items, particularly when
25X1A they are as relatively simple as proper dishwashers, hot water heating
25X1A systems, etc. During my visit [] one of the Far East engineers
25X1A staff of Logistics, was present on the base to investigate the possibilities of
25X1A digging an artesian well to eliminate reliance upon the [] water system 25X1
25X1A which [] is understandably skeptical of. However, up until the time
25X1 our unit departed [] on 7 March, I believe nothing concrete had been
25X1 accomplished in the well digging business. If you think this matter is worthy
of further discussion with [] I shall be glad to join in at your request.

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Attachment
Medical Report

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